National Bureau of Standards Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material 160b

Stainless Steel

Cr 18-Ni 12-Mo 2 (AISI 316)

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is in the form of chips and is intended for use in chemical methods of analysis.

This material also is available in solid form as SRM 1155, primarily for application in optical emission and x-ray spectrochemical methods of analysis.

Element	Percent by Weight ¹	<u>Uncertainty</u> ²
Carbon a	0.044	.003
Manganese ^b	1.64	.01
Phosphorus ^c	0.020	.001
Sulfurd	.016	.002
Silicon ^e	.509 ~	.005
Copperi	.172	.001
Nickel ⁹	12.26	.05
Chromium ^h	18.45	.03
Vanadium ⁱ	0.047	.001
Molybdenum ^j	2.38	.01
Cobaltk	0.101	.005
Nitrogen!	.039	.005
Leadm	.001	

^aDirect combustion followed by gravimetric determination.

^bNeutron activation analysis and spectrophotometric after oxidation with ammonium persulfate.

^cSpectrophotometric molybdenum-blue method.

^dIodometric titration after combustion.

^eGravimetric determination after double dehydration with sulfuric acid.

^fIsotopic dilution analysis.

⁸Gravimetric determination after precipitation with dimethylglyoxime.

^hReduction with coulometrically generated ferrous ion.

Potentiometric titration with ferrous ammonium sulfate after nitric acid oxidation and neutron activation analysis.

Gravimetric after precipitation with alpha benzoinoxime and ignition to MoOa

^kNeutron activation analysis.

Distillation-titration.

^mPolarographic determination.

¹The certified value listed for a constituent is the present best estimate of the "true" value based on the results of the cooperative program for certification.

²The estimated uncertainty listed for a constituent is based on judgment and represents an evaluation of the combined effects of method imprecision, possible systematic errors among methods, and material variability. (No attempt was made to derive exact statistical measures of imprecision because several methods were involved in the determination of most constituents.)

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